

Claims

- [c1] A snowplow, comprising: a cab; a trailer; a scraper; and EL lighting wherein the EL lighting is attached to the cab.
- [c2] The snowplow of claim 1 wherein the EL lighting is attached to one or more doors on the cab.
- [c3] The snowplow of claim 1 wherein the EL lighting is attached to a front portion of the cab.
- [c4] The snowplow of claim 1 wherein the EL lighting is attached to an upper portion of the cab.
- [c5] The snowplow of claim 1, further comprising one or more mudflaps attached to one or more of the cab and trailer.
- [c6] The snowplow of claim 5 wherein the EL lighting is on one or more mudflaps.
- [c7] The snowplow of claim 1 wherein the EL lighting emits a blinking display.
- [c8] The snowplow of claim 1 wherein the EL lighting includes indicia.
- [c9] The snowplow of claim 8 wherein the indicia imparts a message conveying safety or caution.
- [c10] The snowplow of claim 1 wherein the EL lighting includes more than one color.
- [c11] The snowplow of claim 10 wherein the EL lighting color is orange or yellow.
- [c12] 12. A method for improving driver safety in a snowplow, comprising: obtaining a snowplow that includes safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces; and driving the snowplow under conditions that include darkness, storms, fog, and other conditions of adverse visibility.

- [c13] 13.The method of claim 1 wherein the safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces includes a surface on a mud flap attached to the snowplow.
- [c14] 14.The method of claim 1 wherein the safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces includes a surface on a cab of the snowplow.
- [c15] 15.The method of claim 1 wherein the safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces includes a surface on the rear of the snowplow.
- [c16] 16.The method of claim 1 wherein the safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces includes a surface on one or more rear view mirrors of the snowplow.
- [c17] 17.The method of claim 1 wherein the safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces includes a surface on the top of the snowplow.
- [c18] 18.The method of claim 1 wherein the snowplow is driven adjacent to another snowplow that also includes the safety indicia illuminated by one or more EL lighting surfaces.
- [c19] 19.The method of claim 7 wherein the snowplows are driven in a snowstorm.
- [c20] 20.The method of claim 1 wherein one or more of the EL lighting surfaces blink.
- [c21] The method of claim 7 wherein one or more of the EL lighting surfaces of one or more of the snowplows blinks.
- [c22] A method for making a snowplow, comprising: obtaining a snowplow and attaching to the snowplow one or more EI lighting devices, the EL lighting devices effective for signaling a safety signal to other drivers on a highway.
- [c23] The method of claim 20 wherein the safety signal is a color.

- [c24] The method of claim 20, wherein the EL lighting device is attached to the front of the snowplow.
- [c25] The method of claim 20, wherein the EL lighting device is attached to the rear of the snowplow.
- [c26] The method of claim 20 wherein at least one EL lighting device is attached to at least one mud guard attached to the snowplow.